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For: <i>A Crystal of Bacterial Core RNA Polymerase</i>	

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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, from October 16, 2003 up to and including January 16, 2004, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.36(a) for filing a response to an Office Action mailed July 16, 2003 in the above-identified application.


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